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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES

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Claims 1-12 (Cancelled)

13. (Currently amended) A greenhouse, comprising:

a plurality of frame elements forming a frame of the greenhouse,

a plurality of pillows having at least one upper translucent surface facing a

radiation source, each pillow supported in a respective frame element,

a fluid element having a fluid circulating therethrough and a lens system

arranged inside the each pillow and formed so as to direct only a portion

of the radiation that strikes the upper translucent surface in a direction

perpendicular to the upper translucent surface onto the fluid element, and

a thermodynamic machine extracting thermal energy from the fluid for

producing at least electrical power.

14. (Previously presented) The greenhouse of claim 13, and further comprising

a heat reservoir for storing a portion of the thermal energy that is not

extracted by the thermodynamic machine.

Claims 15-21 (Cancelled)

22. (New) A modular greenhouse comprising:

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- a plurality of modular optical elements, each optical element

including first and second highly transparent cover sheets supported

by a mechanically stable frame thereby forming a pillow, with a

plurality of pillows forming an envelope for the greenhouse,

an optical lens system,

an energy collection and converting system arranged in each said

optical element for collecting light and converting light into energy.

23. (New) The greenhouse of claim 22, wherein the pillows are inflated.

24. (New) The greenhouse of claim 23, wherein the optical lens system inside

each pillow, or the pillow itself is adapted for tracking a movement of the

sun so that radiation from the sun can strike a surface of an upper pillow

cover sheet substantially normal to the surface, and wherein the lens

system in each of the pillows is oriented in such a way as to realize a

concentration of direct radiation into a focal area of the light collection and

converting system.

25. (New) The greenhouse of claim 24, wherein hot fluid is produced through

solar radiation by the lens system and supplied to a thermodynamic

machine, via a first line while cooled fluid is returned to the lens system via

a second line.

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26. (New) The greenhouse of claim 25, wherein a heat reservoir is connected

between the lens system and the thermodynamic machine for providing

around the clock power.

27. (New) A modular optical element comprising: two highly transparent sheets

supported along their circumference by a mechanically stable frame and

forming a pillow, the said pillow including an optical lens system and light

collection and conversion system arranged within the pillow, and wherein

the pillow is inflatable with compressed air.

28. (New) The optical element of claim 27, wherein pluralities of the said optical

elements are assembled to form an enveloping structure of a greenhouse.

29. (New) The greenhouse of claim 13, wherein the translucent surfaces are

each an element selected from the group consisting of a Fresnel lens, a

holographic lens and a refractive optical element.

30. (New) The greenhouse of claim 28, wherein the light collection and

conversion system includes a solar cell or a photovoltaic collector.

31. (New) The greenhouse of claim 24, wherein the solar cell is located in the

focal area of the light collection and converting system.

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32. (New) The greenhouse of claim 27, wherein the pillow is made from environmentally stable fluoropolymer sheets.